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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title Page at (57) ABSTRACT line 8, after "when" and before "value" delete "an" and insert --a--;

On the Title Page at (57) ABSTRACT line 11, after "when" and before "value" delete "an" and insert --a--;

Column 27, line 10, change "number of pix is of said" to --number of pix is of said--;

Column 27, line 61, change "fox" to --for--;

Column 28, line 8, change "fox" to --for--;

Column 30, line 38, change " $\alpha$  ( $\beta \ge 1.0$ )" to  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \ge 1.0$ )--;

Column 30, line 60, change "umber" to --number--;

Column 31, line 6, change "umber" to --number-- and

Figure 20 change "FOREGROUND" to -- FOREGROUND --.

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